1992-93 to 1996-97, thanks to the pioneering efforts of Dr. Manmohan Singh and others. Now, 'according mid-term review of RBI our GDP growth during the year 1999-2000 may be 6 to 6.5 per cent'. Sir, I would like to go further. Some analysts say that with impressive industrial recovery and the prospects of increased agricultural production, the GDP in 1999-2000 is likely to touch 7 per cent, against the estimated rate of 6 to 6.5 per cent. Sir, I think eminent economists, like Dr. Manmohan Singhji, would appreciate it. India has been, and will be, one of the first ten fast growing economies in the world.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Constitution of a body for Visual Media

*205. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a body for Visual Media has been proposed on the lines of Press Council of India (PCI);

(b) if so, what would be its salient features; and

(c) whether it would be provided* with enough powers to enforce its decision unlike the PCI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Export of Tobacco

*206. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether tobacco exports has declined;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken to boost export?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The total quantity and value of